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INDY PARKS DIRECTOR NAMED TO NATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Joseph Wynns elected to National Recreation and Park Association Board

INDIANAPOLIS — Indy Parks and Recreation announces the election of its director, Joseph L.B. Wynns, to the National Recreation and Park Association [NRPA] Board of Trustees. The announcement was made October 12 at the annual NRPA Congress & Exposition in Reno, NV.

The Board of Trustees is the governing body of NRPA and is responsible for the formulation of policies that direct the affairs of the association and its member park agencies. Board members are elected to three-year terms. As a trustee, Wynns will serve on three committees: Finance, Nominating and Public Policy.

"I am extremely proud to have Director Wynns represent our city with the same leadership he has shown in developing a world class parks system for Indianapolis' residents," Mayor Peterson said.

Peterson appointed Wynns director of Indy Parks in 2000. Wynns oversees 329 full time employees and more than 600 seasonal staff with an annual budget of \$31 million. In 2003, Indy Parks received its national accreditation in from the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies. Prior to his appointment, Wynns had worked for Indy Parks for 32 years.

Director Wynns is also a member of the Board of Directors of the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration and a Trustee of the Indiana University Executive Development Program. Locally, he serves on the Circle City Classic Executive Committee, and the Indiana Sports Corporation Youth Committee. He was also recognized as one of the most influential individuals in the 2003-2004 inaugural edition of *Who's Who* in Black Indianapolis.

A Certified Park and Recreation Professional [CPRP], Wynns received his Masters in Recreation Administration from Indiana State University and his Bachelors in Health, Physical Education and Recreation from South Carolina State University, where he was recently inducted into the South Carolina State University Athletics Hall of Fame.

Wynns will oversee planning for the 2007 NRPA Congress to be held in Indianapolis at the Convention Center. The convention is expected to bring more than 10,000 park and recreation professionals from around the country to Indianapolis.

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